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Representative Brooks votes for workforce recovery legislation

Madison, WI—Today, Representative Rob Brooks (R-Saukville) supported legislation that encourages an immediate return to the state’s labor force by able-bodied unemployed Wisconsinites. Assembly Bill 336 terminates Wisconsin’s participation in federal unemployment insurance compensation programs that have precipitated an unwillingness by some to work.

“Wisconsin’s economy is open for business; demand for products and services is at an all-time high; and innumerable employers are unable to find individuals willing to participate in the labor force. The additional \$300/week in unemployment benefits is an impediment to a full-employment economy,” Representative Brooks said.

The federal supplement furnishes individuals with an additional \$300 per week on top of state benefits. At this writing, twenty-five other states have opted out of the federal program.

“Our economy is on the precipice of a severe downturn due to the labor shortage, limited supply of goods and services, and an increased reliance upon government. Many employers have increased wages and offered signing bonuses, to no avail, as they still cannot find individuals who are willing to work,” Representative Brooks said.

According to Rasmussen Reports, seventy-one percent of voters favor ending the enhanced federal unemployment payments. This includes sixty-seven percent of independents and fifty-nine percent of Democrats. Wisconsinites, regardless of political affiliation, support making this consequential change and ensuring that Wisconsin remains open for business.

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